

REMARKS

Claims 5-10 have been canceled. Claims 3-4, amended claims 1, 2, and 11, and new claim 12 are in this application.

Claims 1-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. 2002/0092021 (Yap et al.), in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,784,940 (Takazawa et al.).

Independent claims 1 and 11 have been amended herein. As a result, and as an example, amended independent claim 1 now recites in part the following:

"control mechanism for controlling said switching mechanism so that in a first operating case the signal processing mechanisms are collectively connected to one of said channel selecting mechanisms and the electronic program guide extracting mechanism is connected to another one of said channel selecting mechanisms so as to permit (i) a plurality of predetermined different processing to be simultaneously performed on the same said television signal on said desired channel by use of each of said signal processing mechanisms and (ii) said electronic program guide to be obtained from said television signal by said electronic program guide extracting mechanism." (Emphasis added.)

It is believed that the present application provides support for the features herein added to claim 1. With regard thereto, and as an example, reference is made to Fig. 3 and line 16 of page 27 to line 3 of page 28, lines 1-8 of page 38, and lines 4-15 of page 40 of the present application.

In explaining the above 103 rejection with regard to claim 1, and as best understood, the Examiner appears to assert that Takazawa (and in particular line 55 of column 9 to line 12 of column 10 and Fig. 5 thereof) discloses the control mechanism

of claim 1. In response, it is respectfully submitted that such portions of Takazawa do not appear to disclose the control mechanism as now specifically recited in claim 1.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is distinguishable from the combination of Yap and Takazawa applied by the Examiner.

For reasons similar to or somewhat similar to those previously described with regard to claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claim 11 and new independent claim 12 are distinguishable from the combination of Yap and Takazawa applied by the Examiner.

Claims 2-4 are dependent from independent claim 1. As such, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-4 are distinguishable from the combination of Yap and Takazawa applied by the Examiner for at least the reasons previously described.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been overcome, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional rejections and/or objections which the Examiner might have.

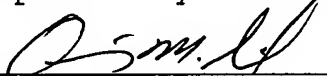
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If there are any charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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